

Approved as Amended 7/27/16
OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
Meeting Date June 8, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Frances Hartogh Molly Davis Kevin Bracy Knight Tom Isaacson Curt Brown

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Tracy Winfree Jim Reeder John Potter Mark Davison Cecil Fenio
Alycia Alexander Leah Case Brian Anacker Lynn Riedel Will Keeley
Ericka Pilcher Kacey French Dan Burke Kelly Wasserbach

GUESTS

Kathy Haddock, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Brett Kencairn, Senior Environmental Planner
Chris Meschuk, Planner II

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes

Tom Isaacson asked to remove the word, “in” on page 2, third paragraph. He said on the same page in the fourth paragraph, add the word” site” after “Superfund”. In the fifth paragraph, change the word “it” to “is.” In the same paragraph, second to last line, remove the word “for” before “capital.” Frances Hartogh said on page 2, in the second paragraph, it should read, “. . . icy or muddy conditions. . .”

Molly Davis moved that the Open Space Board of Trustees approve the minutes from May 9, 2016 as amended. Curt Brown seconded. This motion passed four to zero; Kevin Bracy Knight abstained as he was absent at the last meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda

Elizabeth Black, Boulder, spoke about climate change and possible carbon sequestration techniques for Boulder County. She suggested several ways that Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) could sequester carbon on Open Space.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Matters from Staff

Brett Kencairn, Senior Environmental Planner, and Brian Anacker, Science Officer, presented on the Boulder’s Climate Commitment and the Role of OSMP Lands.

Kevin asked if staff has looked at how many people drive to trailheads, and how to reduce that number. Brett said staff is currently gathering data for this. Tracy said the Chautauqua Access Management Plan is looking at this as well. Tom asked about use patterns based on trail location and accessibility. Brett said travel surveys will be taking place as part of their data gathering. Brian Anacker said staff is doing surveys on visitation as well which will address use patterns. He noted that use patterns will also be looked at relative to climate change. Frances asked if agricultural use and/or leases could be modified to incorporate findings regarding carbon sequestration. Brett said staff is still working on gathering this data.

Kathy Haddock, Senior Assistant City Attorney, presented on the City Blue Line.

Tom asked if this will affect Open Space. Kathy said no; changing this line will not change ownership or otherwise. Tom asked if the properties will permanently be without water service even if the ownership

changes hands. Kathy said that is correct; the one exception would be for fire service. Molly asked if there is an impact on Conservation Easements (CE). Chris Meschuk said there may be certain areas that the line will be moved down to appropriately incorporate a CE. Dan said staff will be participating in a workshop where they will do a parcel by parcel analysis to make sure nothing is overlooked. Kevin asked what would need to happen if Open Space decided to put in flush toilets within this boundary. Chris said Blue Line applies only to water and not to sewer; however, to do this in the future this would likely take another vote. Tom asked if there is any way to get water to land that is within the Blue Line. Kathy said not with a city water tap or permanent irrigation, but there would be other options such as driving a truck in and spraying from the truck. Frances asked when this would be put on the ballot. Kathy said in November.

Brian Anacker, Science Officer, presented on the 2016 Funded Research Program.

Kevin asked if there is a public data sharing policy. Brian said the city has an open data policy; however, they still need to work out how long after research takes place before it will be available to the public. Kevin suggested funding longer term studies as it may draw more interest. Curt asked to see the 50 questions. Brian noted that these in addition to other information, are on the OSMP website. Curt suggested tacking on additional money for writing and submitting.

Jim Reeder, Trails and Facilities Division Manager, gave an update on several trail projects.

Frances asked what passive removal of prairie dogs means. Jim said they would be encouraged to move away from the trail and onto another area on the site, likely by closing their burrow holes. Molly asked if Tenderfoot is closed because work on Chapman is taking place. Kelly said yes; it is a safety precaution.

Kacey French, Planner I, gave an update on the Agricultural Plan.

Curt asked if this plan should be put on hold until the Master Plan is complete. Tracy said it will be fine to do them simultaneously since local foods is an initiative from City Council. Kevin suggested a separate board/commission who could help advise staff on agriculture. Molly suggested expanding the section that includes impacts from the public on the lessees. She added that having a mechanism for lessees to contact staff with concerns would be good. Frances asked how goals and measures of success are determined for each plan component. Kacey said staff will create goals and figure out how to get there with management strategies and determines how to measure success. Some will come from existing plan documents.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board

Frances thanked all who participated in the North Trail Study Area (TSA) Plan process.

Molly gave an update on the Fourmile Canyon Greenways Improvement Project. This is on the city website.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Review of and recommendation regarding the 2017 Open Space and Mountain Parks Department Capital Improvement Program Budget and a portion of the Lottery Fund Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Abbie Poniatowski, Central Services Division Manager, presented this item.

Public Comment

None.

Return to the Board

Tom asked about the amount allocated for the campus relocation. Abbie said the amount is an anticipated cost; there is an internal staff team looking through details of what will be needed. Kevin asked what the limitations of the current campus are. Abbie said the department is limited by land use agreements, permits and utilities. Molly asked if the amount listed for the North Trail Study Area (TSA) is a place

holder. Abbie said yes; eventually there will be details of where and what will happen next year. Molly asked if the Fourmile Creek project has any overlap with Greenways. Jim said there is no overlap; best way to restore functionality of trail is to put in the bridge which Open Space will fund. Molly asked about the .27 Full Term Equivalent (FTE) amount. Abbie said a portion of property agents time is allocated for services they provide to other departments.

Motion

Molly Davis moved the Open Space Board of Trustees approve, and recommend that Planning Board approve, an appropriation of \$9,530,000 in 2017 from the Open Space Fund CIP as outlined in the June 8 memorandum and related attachments; and recommend that \$766,450 be appropriated from the city's Lottery Fund CIP in 2017 as outlined in that memorandum and related attachments. Curt Brown seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.

APPROVED BY:

Frances Hartogh
Board Chair

DATE